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For: "COHERENT PHASE DATA
SEGMENT LAYOUT IN DATA
STORAGE SYSTEMS"

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2003, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from November 18, 2003 to February 18, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
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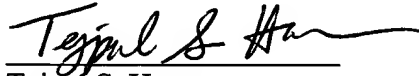
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